

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to Examiner's Office Action mailed on July 28, 2006. At the time Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-20 were pending. By way of the present response Applicant has: 1) amended no claims; 2) added no new claims; and 3) canceled no claims. As such, claims 1-20 are now pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lesley, U.S. Patent No. 6,188,752 (hereinafter "Lesley") in view of Ung, U.S. Patent No. 6,785,534 (hereinafter "Ung").

In reference to claims 1 and 16, Applicant respectfully submits that Lesley in view of Ung does not teach or suggest all of the features of the claims. More specifically, Lesley in view of Ung does not teach or suggest a billing server to receive a response from a Charge Control Node indicating whether a lease associated with the wireless device is to be renewed.

Lesley describes a prepaid telephone service that does not require a user to carry prepaid phone cards in order to use the service. See column 2, lines 6-13. Ung describes a system to allow a user of a wireless service to switch

between prepaid and postpaid service without the use of a customer service representative. See column 2, lines 34-37. Ung does not describe a lease renewal or a Charge Control Node. As a result, Ung does not describe a billing server to receive a response from a Charge Control Node indicating whether a lease associated with the wireless device is to be renewed.

The present action refers to Lesley as describing a billing server to receive a response from a Charge Control Node indicating whether a lease associated with the wireless device is to be renewed. The present action specifically points to Lesley at Figure 5 and column 9, line 64, to column 10, line 22. See the present action, page 3, lines 18-22. The present action further infers that the billing server 40 of Figure 1 described in Lesley is a Charge Control Node as in the present claims. See the present action, page 3, lines 15-19. The present action also states that a lease renewal request is described in Lesley as "where [a] user is requested to add prepay value if not sufficient funds are available." Page 3, lines 9-10. Hence, according to the present action, a lease renewal request is a request directed to the user of the system.

Notwithstanding arguments as to why all of the above assumptions in the present action are incorrect, the billing server 40 in Lesley cannot be a Charge Control Node as in the present claims because a response to a lease renewal request (as defined in the present action) is not from the billing server. Under the reasoning of the present action, the response to a lease renewal request comes from the user (i.e., entering the amount to add to the prepaid account). The feature of the present claims, though, states that the response to the lease

renewal request is from the Charge Control Node, not a user. Therefore, Lesley does not teach or suggest a billing server to receive a response from a Charge Control Node indicating whether a lease associated with the wireless device is to be renewed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Lesley in view of Ung does not teach or suggest all of the features of the claims.

Since Lesley in view of Ung does not teach or suggest all of the features of claims 1 and 16, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Since claims 2-15 and 17-20 are dependent from claims 1 or 16 and include additional features, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-15 and 17-20 are also in condition for allowance.

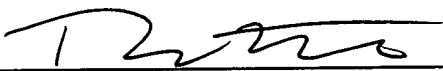
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, Examiner is invited to contact Thomas C. Webster at (408) 720-8300.

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